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Drone strikes kill 2 in Russian border regions ahead of Ukraine peace talks

Jan 4, 2026

The Guardian

Ukraine war briefing: Ukraine will fight on if peace talks fail, Zelenskyy vows

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'This is business as usual': boss of bombed Ukrainian vodka maker seeks to expand exports

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Moment Russian soldier holds sign pleading to be taken prisoner by Ukrainian forces in shock vid

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The Kyiv Independent

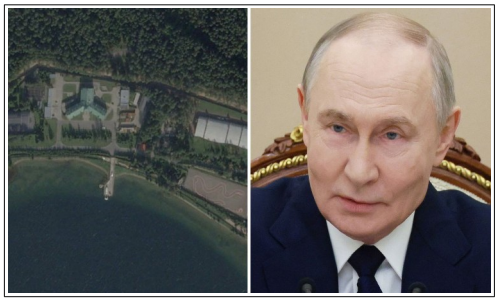
Ukraine war latest: 76% of Ukrainians reject recognizing occupied territories as Russian to end war, poll finds

Dec 29, 2025

The Week

Which side is winning the war in Ukraine?

Dec 28, 2025



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Ukraine war latest: Kremlin repeats claim of 'mass attack' targeting Putin home - but Kyiv calls out 'signature tactic'

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Al Jazeera

Russia-Ukraine war updates: E3 talks in London ‘productive’, says Zelenskyy

Dec 7, 2025

Military & Frontline Situation

Active frontline fighting and strikes

- **Drone strikes and shelling continue on both sides.** Ukrainian drone attacks in Russian border regions (Belgorod and Kursk) have killed civilians recently, and Russian offensives have injured civilians in places like Kharkiv. These developments are occurring **just ahead of new peace talks in Paris** aimed at ending the nearly four-year war.
- **Russia is planning to expand a "buffer zone"** inside Ukraine's Sumy and Kharkiv regions in 2026, justified by Moscow as a way to "protect against cross-border attacks" — a move Kyiv vehemently rejects as a pretext to seize more territory.
- Recent analysis suggests **Russian forces continue to make slow but persistent advances**, especially through sustained bombardments of infrastructure.

Isolated battlefield events

- Viral footage shows **a Russian soldier surrendering to Ukrainian forces after signaling his intent — an unusual occurrence highlighting morale and the role of drones in modern combat.**

Russian strikes on Ukrainian infrastructure (ongoing issue)

- Large coordinated missile and drone attacks have hit energy infrastructure in prior months, causing civilian casualties and grid damage, particularly in autumn 2025.

Diplomacy & Peace Efforts

Peace talks underway but fragile

- New diplomatic efforts — including **talks in Paris involving European and U.S. representatives — are starting this week** to refine peace proposals and finalise security guarantees for Ukraine.
- Ukrainian President **Volodymyr Zelenskyy has made clear he will keep fighting if peace negotiations collapse**, underscoring Kyiv's insistence on terms that prevent future Russian aggression.

International talks and coalitions

- Alongside U.S. and European dialogues, a "**Coalition of the Willing"** (including countries like the UK and France) has been meeting to plan lasting support for Ukraine's defense and security guarantees.
- A major **London summit in March 2025** brought 16 states together to help craft a peace plan with robust security assurances — though implementing these ideas remains a work in progress.

GB UK Involvement & Support

Military and economic backing

- The UK continues to **ramp up defence support**: in 2025 alone, London has coordinated large multinational efforts and boosted military aid, contributing billions in weapons, equipment, and training.
- UK officials stress that Ukraine must stay near the top of international security agendas, emphasising support for sovereignty and international law.

Sanctions and economic pressure

- Sanctions against Russian energy giants and the "shadow fleet" transporting oil show London is also pushing economic pressure to weaken Moscow's war economy.

Humanitarian & Societal Impact

Public opinion & casualty trends

- A recent poll found that a substantial majority of Ukrainians reject recognising Russian-held occupied territories in exchange for peace — underscoring deep domestic resistance to territorial concessions.
- Reports emphasise the severe human cost: from civilian deaths and injuries to widespread displacement and infrastructure destruction. Independent monitoring groups have consistently documented elevated civilian harm in 2025.

Economic resilience

- Despite repeated attacks on infrastructure and exports, **Ukrainian businesses are adapting and pushing forward**, exemplifying resilience in commerce even amid war disruption.

🌍 Wider Geopolitical Context

Global reactions and alliances

- Western allies, including the UK, U.S., and EU partners, are working closely with Kyiv on peace strategy and security guarantees — though Russia remains publicly dismissive of outside peace proposals.
- Russia's actions are increasingly tied into broader foreign policy narratives, including condemnation of U.S. operations abroad and appeals to allies — albeit without clear evidence of major new military backing.

🧠 Summary

✅ **Frontlines:** Active fighting, drone strikes on both sides, and infrastructure attacks persist.

✅ **Diplomacy:** Peace talks ramping up in Paris and other capitals, but significant disagreements remain.

✅ **International support:** UK, EU, U.S. deepening military & economic backing; coalition planning continues.

✅ **Human toll:** High civilian casualties, strong Ukrainian public resolve against concessions.

✅ **Broader implications:** The conflict still shapes global security, alliances, and regional defence strategies.

If you'd like, I can break this down into **frontline military developments, diplomacy, and humanitarian impact in more detail** — just let me know which area you're most interested in.

im curious to know what is happening in zaparogia

Here's the **latest, most reliable picture of what's happening right now in Zaporizhzhia (the city and wider region) in the context of the Ukraine war** — focusing on **military activity, civilian impacts, and the critical nuclear plant situation**:

Latest on Zaporizhzhia conflict and nuclear safety

euronews

Russia launches one of its largest drone attacks on Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia

Jan 2, 2026

The Guardian

Ukraine war briefing: Russia makes biggest battleground gains since first year of war, analysis shows

Jan 3, 2026

Le Monde.fr

Russia unleashes mass plunder of Ukrainian homes in occupied areas

Jan 2, 2026

Military & Frontline Situation in Zaporizhzhia Region

Ongoing fighting and attacks

- Russian forces are continuing **large strikes on the city of Zaporizhzhia and its infrastructure**. A major overnight **drone bombardment hit dozens of buildings**, including residential and civilian centres, although **no reported casualties** so far. Ukrainian air defenses intercepted most drones.
- Across the southern front including Zaporizhzhia region, **Russian advances in late 2025 were some of the most significant gains they've made in years**, and this has pressured Ukrainian forces to **evacuate large numbers of civilians** from frontline settlements in Zaporizhzhia and neighbouring regions.
- Reports also highlight **ongoing shelling and infrastructure strikes** in the wider oblast, with repeated attacks damaging buildings and essential services.

Civilian conditions

- Life for residents remains under frequent threat from bombardments, air alerts, and infrastructure damage. Even if casualties aren't always reported in every attack, **fires, damaged homes, and disrupted services** are common after such strikes.
- Separately, Russia has enacted policies in occupied parts of the region — including Zaporizhzhia — that could **allow seizure of homes and property from displaced**

Ukrainians, raising long-term concerns about demographics and rights.

☢ Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant — Europe's Biggest Nuclear Facility

This remains one of the most dangerous and unstable aspects of the conflict:

🔌 Power interruptions & safety risks

- The **Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP)** — occupied by Russian forces since 2022 — **lost external power again in early January 2026** after hostilities damaged a high-voltage line.
- Since the full-scale invasion, power lines have been interrupted **dozens of times** (over 12 blackouts), which interferes with cooling systems that are essential even when reactors are shut down.
- External power is **crucial to cooling the reactors and spent fuel** — without it the plant relies on backup diesel generators, which is not a long-term safe solution.

🛠 IAEA involvement and repairs

- Ukrainian and Russian sides have **agreed temporary local ceasefires** near the site in order to let workers reconnect and repair power lines — often mediated and monitored by the **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**.
- These efforts have restored and occasionally improved connections, but **electricity supply remains fragile**, and international bodies warn that the situation continues to pose significant nuclear safety risks.

📊 Operational status

- All six reactors at ZNPP are in **cold shutdown** and **not producing power**, but they still require external electricity for safe cooling and to prevent a potential meltdown or radiation release.

- Ukraine and international officials have repeatedly called for the **end of Russian control** of the plant, citing broad safety and security concerns for the region, Europe, and global nuclear norms.

🧠 What This Means Right Now

For civilians and daily life

- Zaporizhzhia city and region remain under **frequent threat from drones, artillery, and air attacks.**
- Infrastructure — including homes, shops, and utilities — is often hit, causing disruptions even if casualties aren't always high in every strike.

For the nuclear plant

- The ZNPP situation is still **unstable and hazardous**, with repeated power losses and ongoing military activity around it heightening the risk of a serious incident.
- International efforts to stabilise the plant's power and ensure safety are **ongoing but fragile**.

For the broader war

- Russian forces have been gaining ground in the south, including parts of Zaporizhzhia region, intensifying fighting and contributing to civilian displacement and evacuations.

If you want **near-real-time maps, casualty figures, or updates by day in Zaporizhzhia specifically**, just let me know — I can break it down further.

can you bring up for an ariel view of zaphorigia

I can't show a live **interactive map directly here**, but I can point you to accurate **aerial and satellite views** of Zaporizhzhia — including the city itself and key locations like the nuclear power plant.

📍 Aerial / Satellite Views You Can Use

🔷 **Live satellite & weather view (Zoom Earth)** — shows current satellite imagery of Zaporizhzhia and allows zooming around the city from above:

👉 Available here: **Zoom Earth – Zaporizhzhia**

🔷 **Static satellite images of the city** — streets, buildings, and layout from overhead:

👉 Explore via **Zaporizhzhia satellite views**

🔷 **OpenStreetMap satellite maps** — lets you view detailed overhead views:

👉 **Zaporizhzhia on Mapcarta** (incl. satellite option)

🔷 **Specific location: Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (Enerhodar)** — satellite imagery focused on the facility:

👉 **Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant map**

📌 Coordinates & What You're Seeing

If you want to plug coordinates into a service like **Google Earth**, **Bing Maps**, or **Zoom Earth** yourself, use this:

- **Zaporizhzhia city**: ~47.8508° N, 35.1183° E
- **Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant** (Enerhodar): near ~47.51° N, 34.587° E

These coordinates will center you on the city or the plant in satellite view.

🛰️ What You Can See in Aerial Views

From these satellite sources you'll be able to observe:

- **Urban layout:** streets, bridges, industrial zones, riverbanks.
- **Dnieper River & hydroelectric facilities:** Zaporizhzhia sits along the wide Dnipro river — visible in satellite.
- **Large infrastructure:** such as the New Dniper Bridge and industrial complexes.

- **Nuclear power plant complex:** distinct reactor buildings and cooling ponds in Enerhodar.

If you want **step-by-step instructions on how to load these views in Google Earth or another map platform**, I can walk you through that too! Just let me know what device or app you're using.

lets do the same for perth western australia

I can't show a **live interactive map** here, but I can point you to **great aerial/satellite views and how to access them** for **Perth, Western Australia** — just like we did for Zaporizhzhia.

🌍 Where to See Aerial or Satellite Views of Perth

📌 Online Satellite Maps (Free & Interactive)

You can use these live map services to view Perth from above, zoom in/out, and explore key features:

- **Zoom Earth (satellite imagery)** – interactive overhead view with recent satellite photos (similar to Google Earth).
- **OpenStreetMap / Mapcarta Perth** – provides map plus satellite layers you can switch to.
- **MapsOfWorld Perth map** – includes coordinates and basic map of the city.

Coordinates to centre the map if you want to plug them into a satellite service:

- **Perth city centre: 31.9554° S, 115.8586° E**

🛰️ Static Aerial & Satellite Images

If you want pre-captured satellite images of the city and its surroundings:

📷 **Satellite photo collections** — Wikimedia Commons hosts a bunch of **satellite pictures of Perth and Western Australia** captured from space (e.g., ISS & other

satellites).

These include views showing:

- The **Swan River winding through the city**
- **Coastal beaches and suburbs**
- **City skyline and urban layout**
- **Surrounding landscapes and agricultural belts**

Aerial Photography / Drone Views (City & Coastline)

If you're interested in **aerial drone-style views**, there are plenty of scenic Perth perspectives online:

📸 **Professional aerial panoramas of Perth** — images showing the city skyline, riverfront at Elizabeth Quay, and coastal fringes captured from drones or helicopters.

📍 **Drone photography spots around Perth:**

- **Cottesloe Beach** – coastal aerial views and surfers.
- **Scarborough Beach** – popular for surfers and sunsets from above.
- **Point Walter Sandbar** – unique river-sandbar aerial perspective.
- **Port Beach & Whitfords Beach** – ocean views and coastal landscapes.

📍 Notable Perth Landmarks You Can Spot from Above

When viewing Perth from the sky or satellite imagery, you'll be able to see:

- **Swan River (Derbarl Yerrigan)** winding through the city and suburbs
- **Kings Park & Botanic Garden** — huge green space overlooking the river and CBD
- **Elizabeth Quay** — waterfront precinct near the city centre
- **Perth CBD skyline** and major roads
- **Coastal beaches** like Cottesloe and Scarborough
- **Rottnest Island** visible offshore in clearer satellite images

🧭 Tips for Exploring Aerial Views Yourself

If you want to **see the city from above on your device**:

1. Open a map service like **Google Earth**, **Bing Maps**, or **Zoom Earth**.
2. Enter **Perth WA** or **31.9554° S, 115.8586° E** to centre the view.
3. Switch to **satellite mode** and zoom in/out.
4. Explore features like the Swan River, beaches, parks, and suburbs.

If you'd like, I can give you **direct URLs to the best satellite maps** (e.g., Zoom Earth link for Perth with the right zoom settings), or help you **find aerial footage or drone videos** of Perth's key landmarks — just let me know what you're looking for!

Google Earth

bring up google earth street view

I **can't embed a live Google Earth Street View inside this chat**, but here are **exact links and step-by-step instructions** so you can open Street View of **Perth, Western Australia** on your device — just like you asked:

✅ 🔗 Direct Link to Google Earth (Web)

👆 Open this in your browser, then search for **Perth, Western Australia**:

👉 Open Google Earth Web (street-view enabled)

Once it loads:

1. Use the **search bar** to type Perth, WA, Australia.
2. Zoom in until you see streets.
3. Look for the **Pegman (yellow person icon)** in the bottom right.
4. Drag **Pegman** onto any street highlighted in **blue** → that activates Street View.

💡 Streets with Street View have **blue lines or blue dots** — these are areas where Google collected panoramic imagery.

📍 Quick Alternative: Instant Street View Tool

If you just want to jump into a street-level view quickly (without Google Earth):

👉 Instant Street View — type any place and jump in

1. In the search box → type **Perth, Western Australia**.
2. Press Enter.
3. If imagery is available, it opens the Street View panorama.

📱 On Mobile (Google Earth or Maps)

If you're on a phone or tablet:

1. Open the **Google Earth app** or the **Google Maps app**.
2. Search **Perth WA**.
3. Tap the **Pegman** or the **Street View preview image** at the bottom.
4. Tap **any blue highlighted street** to go into Street View.

📌 Quick Tips

- **Not every road** will have Street View coverage — look for those **blue lines/dots**.
- Once in Street View, **click or drag** to look around 360° and **arrows** to move down the street.
- You can **exit Street View** by clicking the back arrow or close button.

If you want, I can give you **direct Street View coordinates for specific Perth landmarks** (like Kings Park, Elizabeth Quay, or Cottesloe Beach) so you can jump straight into those views too!